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To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for an Office of Air Force Research and enhance research functions of the Air Force, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HALL of Ohio (for himself, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. BOYD, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. GILMAN, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. MCGOVERN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Air Force Science and
5 Technology for the 21st Century Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF AIR FORCE RESEARCH.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Chapter 803 of title 10,
3 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
4 following new sections:

5 **“§ 8023. Office of Air Force Research**

6 “(a)(1) There is in the Office of the Secretary of the
7 Air Force an Office of Air Force Research, at the head
8 of which is a Director of Air Force Research.

9 “(2) Subject to the authority, direction, and control
10 of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Director of Air
11 Force Research serves as—

12 “(A) the principal advisor to the Secretary of
13 the Air Force on all research matters;

14 “(B) the principal advisor to the Chief of Staff
15 of the Air Force on all research matters; and

16 “(C) the principal Air Force representative on
17 research matters to other Government, academic,
18 scientific, and corporate agencies.

19 “(3) Unless appointed to higher grade under another
20 provision of law, an officer, while serving as Director of
21 Air Force Research, has the grade of major general.

22 “(b)(1) There is a Deputy Director of Air Force Re-
23 search, who shall be an employee in the Senior Executive
24 Service and shall be located at and assigned to a major
25 laboratory or field installation.

1 “(2) Subject to the authority, direction, and control
2 of the Director of Air Force Research, the Deputy Direc-
3 tor of Air Force Research is—

4 “(A) responsible for the execution of the Air
5 Force Research Laboratory technical program; and

6 “(B) responsible for operational aspects of the
7 Air Force Research Laboratory.

8 “(c) The Office of Air Force Research shall perform
9 such duties as the Secretary of the Air Force prescribes
10 relating to—

11 “(1) the encouragement, promotion, planning,
12 initiation, and coordination of Air Force research;

13 “(2) the conduct of Air Force research in aug-
14 mentation of and in conjunction with the research
15 and development conducted by the bureaus and
16 other agencies and offices of the Department of the
17 Air Force; and

18 “(3) the supervision, administration, and con-
19 trol of activities within or for the Department relat-
20 ing to patents, inventions, trademarks, copyrights,
21 and royalty payments, and matters connected there-
22 with.

23 “(d) Subject to the authority, direction, and control
24 of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Director of Air
25 Force Research shall ensure that the management and

1 conduct of the science and technology programs of the Air
2 Force are carried out in a manner that will foster the tran-
3 sition of science and technology to higher levels of re-
4 search, development, test, and evaluation.

5 “(e) Sufficient information relative to estimates of
6 appropriations for research by the several bureaus and of-
7 fices shall be furnished to the Office of Air Force Research
8 to assist it in coordinating Air Force research and car-
9 rying out its other duties.

10 “(f) The Office of Air Force Research shall perform
11 its duties under the authority of the Secretary, and its
12 orders are considered as coming from the Secretary.

13 **“§ 8024. Air Force Science and Technology Policy**
14 **Council**

15 “(a) There is in the Department of the Air Force a
16 Science and Technology Policy Council consisting of—

17 “(1) the Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force,
18 as chairman, with the power of decision;

19 “(2) the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force
20 with responsibilities for acquisition;

21 “(3) the Director of Air Force Research;

22 “(4) the commander of the Air Force Materiel
23 Command; and

24 “(5) The Deputy Chief of Staff of the Air
25 Force with responsibilities for installations.

1 “(b) The responsibilities of the Council include the
2 following:

3 “(1) To advise the Secretary of the Air Force
4 and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force on matters
5 of broad policy and budget relating to the Air Force
6 science and technology program.

7 “(2) To identify, set priorities among, and en-
8 dorse future Air Force technological capabilities.

9 “(3) To oversee and review major science and
10 technology programs as they relate to meeting capa-
11 bilities identified pursuant to paragraph (2).

12 “(4) To determine the appropriate balance be-
13 tween programs for the purpose of meeting require-
14 ments and programs for the purpose of pursuing
15 long-term technologies.

16 “(5) To identify, set priorities among, and en-
17 dorse planning and budgeting for the transition of
18 science and technology to higher levels of research,
19 development, test, and evaluation.

20 “(c) Subject to the approval of the Secretary of the
21 Air Force, the Council shall appoint, from among per-
22 sonnel of the Department of the Air Force, a staff to as-
23 sist the Council in carrying out its responsibilities.

1 **“§ 8025. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board**

2 “(a) The Secretary of the Air Force may appoint an
3 Air Force Scientific Advisory Board consisting of not more
4 than 15 civilians preeminent in the fields of science, re-
5 search, and development work. Each member serves for
6 such term as the Secretary specifies.

7 “(b) The Board shall meet at such times as the Sec-
8 retary specifies to consult with and advise the Chief of
9 Staff of the Air Force and the Director of Air Force Re-
10 search.

11 “(c) No law imposing restrictions, requirements, or
12 penalties in relation to the employment of persons, the
13 performance of services, or the payment or receipt of com-
14 pensation in connection with any claim, proceeding, or
15 matter involving the United States applies to members of
16 the Board solely by reason of their membership on the
17 Board.”.

18 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
19 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following
20 new items:

“8023. Office of Air Force Research.

“8024. Air Force Science and Technology Policy Council.

“8025. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board.”.

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 8014(b) of
22 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

23 (1) by redesignating paragraph (6) as para-
24 graph (7); and

- 1 (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-
- 2 lowing new paragraph:
- 3 “(6) The Director of Air Force Research.”.

